

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

**No. 6**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Donnelly**

January 12, 2011

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 6—Relative to human trafficking.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 6, as introduced, Donnelly. Human trafficking.

This resolution would recognize the month of January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and it would recognize February 1, 2011, as California's Free From Slavery Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama declared January 2011  
2 National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month,  
3 culminating in National Freedom Day on February 1, 2011; and  
4 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama called “upon the People  
5 of the United States to recognize the vital role we can play in  
6 ending modern slavery” and that fighting this scourge is a shared  
7 responsibility; and  
8 WHEREAS, Our Nation was founded upon the principle of  
9 freedom, and we affirmed this principle with ratification of the  
10 13th amendment that guaranteed people within our borders  
11 protection from slavery; and  
12 WHEREAS, Americans are committed to individual freedom  
13 and will do all they can to help eliminate modern day slavery,  
14 which includes human trafficking, early and forced marriage,  
15 forced labor, bonded labor, and slavery by descent; and

1 WHEREAS, Beyond all differences of race, creed, or political  
2 persuasion, Americans are one people who must face national  
3 threats together, and while they now live with a heightened  
4 awareness of human trafficking and other forms of modern day  
5 slavery, they refuse to allow them to continue; and

6 WHEREAS, Human trafficking can result in many forms. Sexual  
7 slavery, involuntary domestic servitude, and child soldiering are  
8 just a few of the abuses that men, women, and children are  
9 subjected to; and

10 WHEREAS, The Department of State's "Trafficking in Person  
11 Report 2010" includes the United States in its rankings for the first  
12 time in its 10 year history showing the United States as a growing  
13 magnet for traffickers to conduct their illegal and inhumane  
14 business; and

15 WHEREAS, The Central Intelligence Agency estimated that  
16 approximately 15,000 to 17,000 men, women, and children are  
17 trafficked into the United States every year, making the United  
18 States one of the top three trafficking destinations along with Japan  
19 and Australia; and

20 WHEREAS, California is a prime destination for human  
21 trafficking, along with other states including New York, Texas,  
22 and Nevada; and

23 WHEREAS, California's unique demography make it a  
24 particularly vulnerable location for human trafficking because of  
25 its extensive international border, numerous ports and airports,  
26 and overall large economy; and

27 WHEREAS, Apart from the harm that this crime causes its  
28 victims, secondary consequences of human trafficking can severely  
29 affect California communities. The link between human trafficking  
30 and other criminal activities including, but not limited to, human  
31 smuggling, drug trafficking, money laundering, and organized  
32 crime, increases the potential for other violent crime. The United  
33 States Department of State reports that the impact of human  
34 trafficking on surrounding communities includes increased crime  
35 and gang activity, child exploitation, public health problems, and  
36 depressed wages; and

37 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the vital role California  
38 can play in preventing and one day ending modern slavery; now,  
39 therefore, be it

1     *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
2     *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes January 2011  
3     as the National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month;  
4     and be it further

5     *Resolved,* The Legislature recognizes February 1, 2011, as  
6     California’s Free From Slavery Day, and calls upon all Californians  
7     to follow President Obama’s charge to “educate themselves about  
8     all forms of modern slavery and the signs and consequences of  
9     human trafficking”; and be it further

10    *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
11    of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.